

Daro and Celestine Johnson

Although as a voter, I believe I am an independent, my voting record indicates that I am a Democrat at heart. So this letter runs “against the grain” for me. I do not usually write letters of endorsement and have never written a letter for a Republican candidate for any office....until now. I am making an exception for Mike Karickhoff.

I met him on the first day that he came to Kokomo, over twenty years ago. Mike moved to Kokomo to assume the reins as Park Superintendent for the City of Kokomo. As the years have rolled by, I have watched as Mike worked through the trials and tribulations of managing resources in municipal government. I have watched as Mike has worked with youth in this community, as a coach and a mentor. I have watched as Mike has developed his political base of knowledge and networks as a concerned council member. I have watched as Mike raised a family and became an integral part of this community.

Although we do not always agree on some political issues, Mike is always willing to listen to all sides of a debate. Because he cares deeply about his decisions, he diligently researches to find pertinent information on subjects before the council. He is not satisfied with just the easy answer, but truly wants to know all he can to make informed decisions. He understands the fiscal impact of his decisions, not just because the outcome is in a report prepared by someone else. As the legislature struggles with decisions that will impact our quality of life in Indiana, I know Mike will understand the implications of each and every vote he casts on our behalf.

I know Mike to be an honest, sincere man, who values his community and takes seriously his commitment to this community. He will continue to spend hours on behalf of his constituents, not because he is paid to be our representative, but because he wants to do the right thing, for his community and for future generations. It is for these reasons that we will vote for Mike Karickhoff and encourage others to vote for him.

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